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SUBJECT: OEC AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON ENERGY CONSERVATION AND DEMAND RESTRAINT, MARCH 28, 1974

1. SUMMARY. OECD AD HOC WORKING GROUP ON ENERGY CONSERVATION AND DEMAND RESTRAINT HELD ITS FIRST MEETING UNDER CHAIRMANSHIP TOYONAGA MARCH 28. GROUP AGREED TO FOLLOW UP WORKING SESSIONS APRIL 19, MAY 10 AND MAY 27-28 TO COMPLETE DISCUSSIONS AND WRITTEN REPORT. DURING MEETING QUESTIONNAIRE ON NATIONAL ENERGY CONSERVATION AND DEMAND RESTRAINT MEASURES DRAWN UP. SECRETARIAT REQUIRES RESPONSES BY APRIL 10 IN ORDER COLLABORATE BY SECOND WORKING GROUP MEETING. EXTREMELY TIGHT DEADLINE REQUIRES IMMEDIATE ACTION BY GROUP GOVERNMENTS AND SUCH OTHER OECD GOVERNMENTS WHO ARE RESPONSIVE. AT ECG APRIL 3 AND 4 MEETING, US COULD COMPLEMENT EFFORTS WHICH WILL BE UNDERTAKEN BY EC COMMISSION AND JAPAN TO ENCOURAGE NON-GROUP MEMBERS TO REPLY TO QUESTIONNAIRE. APRIL 19 MEETING WILL CONTINUE TO DEAL WITH ORGANIZATION OF ONGOING ACTIVITIES. FOR COMBINATION REASONS, ROLE OF RAPPORTEUR ENDED UP IN TRIO OF EC COMMISSION, OECD SECRETARIAT AND US. TOYONAGA PERFORMED WELL AS CHAIRMAN, ESTABLISHED GOOD RELATIONSHIP WITH GROUP, IS DETERMINED TO DO GOOD JOB AND CAN BE EXPECTED TO WORK CLOSELY WITH US. END SUMMARY

2. FOLLOWING HIS ELECTION AS CHAIRMAN, TOYONAGA DESCRIBED THREE PHASES OF WORK PROGRAM AS HE SAW THEM: (A) DEVELOPMENT OF A WAY TO GATHER OECD COUNTRIES' EXPERIENCE WITH ENERGY CONSERVATION AND DEMAND RESTRAINT MEASURES; (B) IDENTIFICATION OF ADDITIONAL MEASURES WHICH MIGHT BE TAKEN IN SHORT TERM (WITHIN 18 MONTHS); AND (C) DEVELOPMENT OF WAYS TO PROMOTE ENERGY CONSERVATION. LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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TION IN THE FUTURE. SEVERAL DELEGATIONS DISTINGUISHED BETWEEN EMERGENCY (IN RESPONSE TO CURTAILMENT OF ENERGY SUPPLIES), SHORT TERM (18 MONTHS TO TAKE EFFECT), MEDIUM TERM (1975-85) AND LONG TERM (1985 AND BEYOND) MEASURES. THIS DISTINCTION WAS LATER INCORPORATED IN THE INITIAL QUESTIONNAIRE. THE FRENCH DELEGATION NOTED THE INSTITUTIONAL PROBLEM OF TRANSFERRING EXISTING TECHNOLOGY INTO THE MARKETPLACE, AND ITALY EMPHASIZED

DIFFERENCES BETWEEN NATIONAL SITUATIONS AND THE NEED TO CONSIDER ENVIRONMENTAL IMPACTS RESULTING FROM ENERGY CONSERVATION MEASURES. IT WAS AGREED THAT THE GROUP SHOULD CONCENTRATE ON EMERGENCY, SHORT AND MEDIUM TERM MEASURES.

3. RESPONDING TO TOYONAGA'S CONTINUING INSISTENCE THAT HE WOULD NOT BE ABLE ACCOMPLISH HIS TASK AS CHAIRMAN WITHOUT US HELP AS RAPPORTEUR, WE AGREED PRIOR TO BEGINNING MEETING TO TAKE ON THE JOB WITHOUT YET NAMING THE OFFICIAL WHO WOULD DO IT. IN ORDER TO SHARE WORK-LOAD, WE AND TOYONAGA ACCEPTED AT THAT TIME SECRETARIAT'S OFFER ASSIST IN RAPPORTEURSHIP BY WRITING UP MINUTES OF MEETINGS. FRENCH THEN OBJECTED PRIVATELY TO SECRETARIAT REGARDING US BEING RAPPORTEUR IN TWO OUT OF THE THREE OECD WORKING GROUPS. WE DID NOT CONTACT FRENCH ON THIS MATTER BUT TOLD SECRETARIAT (LAADING) AND TOYONAGA TO TELL FRENCH WE DID NOT SEEK RAPPORTEURSHIP AND IN FACT HAD RESISTED TAKING IT ON. TOYONAGA WORKED OUT DEAL WITH FRENCH WHEREBY EC COMMISSION REP WOULD JOIN US AND SECRETARIAT REPS IN ACCOMPLISHING TASK OF RAPPORTEUR. AT THIS TIME WE NOT CONCERNED THAT THIS WILL CAUSE DELAYS IN WORK CONSERVATION GROUP.

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4. AFTER SOME DISCUSSION AND INTERPRETATION OF TERMS OF REFERENCE, IT WAS DECIDED THAT PARAS 2 AND 4 WILL BE INITIALLY COVERED IN QUESTIONNAIRE. SUBSTANCE OF PARAS 3, 5, 6 AND 7 WILL BE DISCUSSED AT APRIL 19 MEETING IN RELATION TO POSSIBLE RECOMMENDATION FOR AN ONGOING MECHANISM TO EVOLVE FROM THE WORKING GROUP. TO ASSIST GROUP IN THIS DISCUSSION OECD SECRETARIAT AGREED TO PREPARE BACKGROUND PAPER ON OECD EXPERIENCE AND PROCEDURES WITH RESPECT TO ONGOING CONSULTATIONS IN ECONOMIC AREAS.

5. A QUESTIONNAIRE DESIGNED TO CATALOGUE A LIST OF ENERGY CONSERVATION AND DEMAND RESTRAINT ACTIONS, WHICH HAD BEEN IMPLEMENTED OR COULD TAKE EFFECT WITHIN FOUR TIME FRAMES MENTIONED ABOVE WAS DRAFTED BY JAPANESE REP,

DISCUSSED AT LENGTH AND FINALIZED BY THREE RAPORTEURS. RESPONDENTS WERE REQUESTED TO CATEGORIZE EACH ACTION AS VOLUNTARY OR MANDATORY, IDENTIFY THE ENERGY CONSUMING SECTOR (OR SECTORS) TO WHICH IT APPLIED (E.G., ELECTRIC POWER STATIONS, INDUSTRY, TRANSPORTATION, BUILDINGS), ESTIMATE THE RESULTANT ENERGY SAVINGS, ESTIMATE THE TIME FRAMES OVER WHICH THE MEASURE COULD BE IMPLEMENTED AND OVER WHICH SAVINGS COULD BE EXPECTED. IN THE CASE OF DEMAND RESTRAINT MEASURES, RESPONDENTS WERE ALSO ASKED TO DESCRIBE THE OTHER IMPACTS, BOTH POSITIVE AND NEGATIVE, ON THE SOCIETY INVOLVED.

6. THE QUESTIONNAIRE WILL BE SENT TO THE ENTIRE OECD MEMBERSHIP WITH SPECIAL EFFORTS BEING MADE TO GET ADVANCE COPIES TO THE HIGH ENERGY-CONSUMING NATIONS. OECD SECRETARIAT ARRANGING FOR ADVANCE COPIES OF QUESTIONNAIRE UNDER COVER TOYONAGA NOTE TO BE SENT BY EXPRESS MAIL TO ATTENDEES MEETING, KEY INDIVIDUALS IN LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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OTHER EC COUNTRIES AND PERMANENT OECD DELS OF CANADA, AUSTRALIA AND NORWAY. QUESTIONNAIRE WILL BE SENT THROUGH NORMAL CHANNELS TO OTHER OECD COUNTRIES. TOYONAGA REQUESTING JAPANESE FONOFF HAVE JAPANESE EMBASSIES IN OECD COUNTRIES APPROACH GOVERNMENTS TO URGE PROMPT RESPONSES. REQUEST DEPARTMENT CONSIDER HAVING AMERICAN EMBASSIES MAKE SIMILAR APPROACHES.

7. ADVANCE COPY OECD QUESTIONNAIRE WILL BE HANDCARRIED BY JIM MORRIS FOR FEO (GIBBONS AND KNUBEL), DEPARTMENT AND COMMERCE (SHEPHERD).
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